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UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR
IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 29, 2006.
Applicant elects the invention of the Species 7 directed to the eighth embodiment of Figures 32-36. The
claims readable on this Species are identified as claims 21-32.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in
the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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